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# **North Dakota Homeland Security Anti-Terrorism Summary**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Voters to decide on Michigan Spillway flood control project.** Landowners have until August 16 to vote on a \$2.66 million Michigan Spillway flood control project that could divert pooling sheet water away from the city of Michigan, North Dakota, and relieve about 40,000 acres of agricultural and rural road flooding in Nelson County. If approved, construction could start this fall on the 8-mile-long project, which would move water from the area of Lake Laretta and McHugh Slough, to a tributary of the Forest River, which empties into the Red River. The area is part of the divide between the Red River Basin and its Devils Lake sub-basin. Source:

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/171035/>

**Lasers pointed at aircraft pose danger.** A St. Croix man was arrested on a reckless endangerment charge July 25 for allegedly shining a laser pointer at a Life Link helicopter from a campground near Somerset, Wisconsin. Since then the FBI has taken over the case and the U.S. District Attorney in Madison is interested in prosecuting the matter, a sheriff's deputy said. The Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007 under Section 2, paragraph (a) states: "Whoever knowingly aims the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, or at the flight path or such an aircraft shall be fined or imprisoned not more than five years or both." The sheriff's report on the incident in St. Croix County said the pilot of the Life Link chopper traveling from St. Paul to Rice Lake used his GPS device to locate the source of the laser. Deputies who followed up at about 1 a.m. saw a green laser light reflecting off the clouds at Rivers Edge campground in rural Somerset and apprehended the man. Source:

<http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/116696/group/News/>

## **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) Park goers exposed to chemicals in Minnesota.** Twenty-Six Valleyfair guests were taken to the hospital August 5 complaining about eye and throat irritation after an alleged chlorine release in the Soak City water park, Minnesota. Valleyfair says there was not a leak. A spokesperson said there was a problem with a pool pump restart. This process injects liquid chlorine into the pool. This is still under investigation. Eleven people were taken to St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee and 11 people went to the hospital on their own. Two children will stay at St. Francis overnight. Four people were treated and released from Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina. Source:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/08/06/amusement-park-goers-exposed-chemicals-minnesota/>

**(Minnesota) 911 outage in NE Minn. not causing major problems.** A fiber-optic cable that was severed by a work crew has cut off 911 service for several northern Minnesota towns, authorities said. A spokesman from the St. Louis County Communications Center said so far the outage has not caused major problems, although it also can cut off electronic communications. He said the cable break is near Aurora. "It was a contractor who was digging that struck the line, and it's affected phone service intermittently, affects the cell phone service and the hard wire traditional land phone

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line service up in that area,” he said. The St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office said 911 service in Ely, Babbitt, Floodwood, International Falls, McGregor, Aurora, Tower, Two Harbors and Ranier might be interrupted until 9 p.m. August 3, when repairs are expected to be complete. Residents needing emergency services were asked to contact their local fire department, or go to the nearest fire department if they cannot get through by phone. Source:

<http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2010/08/03/st-louis-county-fiber-optic-line-cut/>

**(Montana) Grizzly bear euthanized after Mont. triple mauling.** Wildlife officials euthanized a grizzly bear July 30 after DNA tests confirmed that the sow and her cubs were responsible for a triple mauling that killed a Michigan man and injured two other campers at the Soda Butte Campground in Cooke City, Montana near Yellowstone National Park. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials said in a statement that hair, saliva and tissue samples tested at a Laramie, Wyoming, lab determined the adult bear was the same one that rampaged through the campground July 28. The sow’s three cubs will be sent to ZooMontana in Billings, said a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grizzly bear recovery coordinator. Grizzly bears that display unprovoked aggressive behavior toward humans, or cause death or substantial human injury, should be removed from the population under an agreement among eight state and federal agencies, state wildlife officials said. Authorities said the bear family, under the tutelage of the mother, specifically targeted campers — a sharp departure from the usual behavior of grizzlies attacking only when threatened or surprised. Source:

<http://www.kansascity.com/2010/07/30/2118124/4th-bear-caught-after-deadly-mt.html>

## **NATIONAL**

**New ID theft targets kids’ SS numbers.** The latest form of identity theft does not depend on stealing Social Security numbers. Thieves are now targeting young children’s numbers long before the little ones even have bank accounts. Hundreds of online businesses are using computers to find dormant Social Security numbers — usually those assigned to children who do not use them — then selling those numbers to help people establish phony credit and run up huge debts they will never pay off. Authorities said the scheme could pose a new threat to the nation’s credit system. The sellers get around the law by not referring to Social Security numbers. Instead, they refer to CPNs — for credit profile, credit protection or credit privacy numbers. Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hoptGS\\_E4n\\_MxMMbRrzK91zosbRwD9HBE\\_BNG0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hoptGS_E4n_MxMMbRrzK91zosbRwD9HBE_BNG0)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**Russian fires hit global food supplies.** Drought and raging fires in Russia caused a spike in global grain price meaning the next year may be difficult on food supplies, a U.N. agency said. At least 40 people have died and more than 2,000 were left homeless after fires scorched several regions around Moscow. The Russian president declared a state of emergency and officials said there is no end in sight during the record heat wave. An economist at the Intergovernmental Group on Grains at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in South Africa said the impact on grain prices could be dramatic next year. “Any global hike takes at least six months to get transmitted to the domestic markets,” he told the U.N.’s humanitarian news agency IRIN. “What it does mean is that 2011 could be a difficult one for wheat-based foods like bread.” He added the price of grain went up 20 percent last week. The heat wave and subsequent drought in Russia, one of the largest wheat exporters, has

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wiped out about 20 percent of its food crops. "At the moment the global reserves are OK but as the drought continues in Russia it will have an impact on planting for next year," he said. Source: [http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/Resource-Wars/2010/08/04/Russian-fires-hit-global-food-supplies/UPI-21111280932017/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/Resource-Wars/2010/08/04/Russian-fires-hit-global-food-supplies/UPI-21111280932017/)

**Blast kills 1 at Philippine airport, a dozen hurt.** A powerful bombing killed a man, and wounded about a dozen other people including a provincial governor July 5 at an airport in a southern Philippine city, a day ahead of a planned visit by the U.S. ambassador. The blast went off at 6:15, just outside the arrival gate as passengers were leaving the Zamboanga city airport, said the head of the military's Task Force Zamboanga. As the smoke cleared, police found a man's mutilated body. Investigators were trying to determine whether the man killed was a bomber, he said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing. Zamboanga city has been targeted before in bombings by the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group which is also notorious for kidnappings and beheadings. It is on the U.S. list of terrorist organizations, and the U.S. military has deployed special forces to the region to help train and arm Filipino troops fighting the militants. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h-FTsIBD7kp-xcjBaofAVJBs6zIQD9HDBKA83>

**EU helicopter repels pirate attack in Gulf of Aden.** The European Union Naval Force said pirates attacked a chemical tanker in the Gulf of Aden August 3, but that an EU helicopter sent to the scene stopped the attack. The EU force said the Norwegian chemical tanker MV Bow Saga sent a distress call that it was under attack by a pirate skiff with seven people on board. The pirates shot at the tanker's bridge, damaging the windows. The Spanish frigate SPS Victoria sent a helicopter 10 minutes after the first distress call, and the pirates stopped the attack. A second EU team stopped the pirate skiff and boarded it, finding weapons. The attack is the second in two days in the Gulf of Aden. On August 2, pirates hijacked a Panamanian-flagged cargo ship with 23 crew on board. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gB7YMEDuCwwY9ncDOtPAkEI4-H2wD9HBSVE00>

**Scotland Yard arrests six over multi-million phishing scam.** Six suspected fraudsters have been arrested in the U.K. and Ireland over their alleged involvement in a bank and credit card phishing scam that affected tens of thousands of victims and resulted in losses of millions of pounds. Five men and one woman, aged 25 to 40, were arrested in London, and in County Meath, Ireland August 3 and 4, following an investigation led by officers from the Met's Police Central e-Crime Unit (PCeU). The five U.K. suspects, all arrested following raids in London, remain in custody pending further police inquiries. Each faces possible computer fraud and hacking charges. The arrests were part of Operation Dynamophone, an investigation by the PCeU into a sophisticated phishing fraud network that systematically harvested online bank account passwords and credit card numbers. The MPS Territorial Support Group, and the Irish Garda S  och  ina Fraud Investigation Bureau assisted the PCeU in serving warrants on the six suspects. Police reckon 10,000 online bank accounts and 10,000 credit cards have been compromised as part of a fraud that has resulted in the attempted theft of   1.14 million and losses of   358,000 from online bank accounts. The value of credit card fraud associated with the scam is less certain but estimated at more than   3 million. Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/08/04/pceu\\_phishing\\_arrests/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/08/04/pceu_phishing_arrests/)

**Wildfires near Russian nuclear center pose no threat of explosion.** Russia's chief nuclear industry official offered strong assurances August 4 that the wildfires in the vicinity of Sarov, a Russian town

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housing a federal nuclear center, posed no threat of a nuclear explosion or a radiation leak. "All of the explosives and all of the radioactive substances have been evacuated from it," the head of Rosatom, the state corporation running the country's nuclear industry, said at a meeting of the Russian Security Council called to consider fire-prevention measures for strategic facilities. "It can be guaranteed that, even in an extreme situation, with a gale force wind that means a natural catastrophe — even then there will be no threat to nuclear security, no threat to radiation security, no threat of explosions, no threat of environmental effects on the premises of the center," he said. Source:

<http://www.kyivpost.com/news/russia/detail/76836/>

**Doubts as Qaeda group claims Japan tanker blast.** A militant group linked to al Qaeda said August 4 a suicide bomber was responsible for a mystery explosion on a Japanese supertanker that occurred about a week earlier near the Strait of Hormuz, but analysts cast doubt on the claim. The crew of the M.Star reported a blast shortly after midnight July 28, injuring one seaman but causing no oil spill or disruption to shipping in the strategic waterway. The incident sparked theories ranging from a freak wave to a collision with a U.S. nuclear submarine. Independent verification was not immediately available for the claim, which was signed by a "battalion" of the Abdullah Azzam Brigades, posted with a photo of the alleged suicide bomber on a Web site used by Islamist militants. A group using the same name claimed attacks in Israel last year as well as deadly bombings in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh in 2005, and rocket attacks that missed U.S. warships in Jordan the same year.

Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFTRE6731XR20100804>

**Deadly floods spread to villages in Pakistan's heartland, threaten major dam in northwest.**

Floodwaters that devastated Pakistan's mountainous northwest surged into the heartland August 3, submerging dozens of villages along bloated rivers whose torrents have killed at least 1,500 people and put 100,000 at risk of disease. Fresh rains in the hardest-hit northwest threatened to overwhelm a major dam and unleash a new deluge. Relief work for some 3.2 million people has been delayed by swamped roads, washed-out bridges and downed communication lines, and survivors have complained about government inaction. Countries including the U.S. have pledged assistance to Pakistan, which is already struggling to control a rapacious Taliban militant movement. As floodwaters swept southward into Punjab province, about 3,000 people were marooned in the Kot Addu area after the water breached a protection bank, forcing the army to stage an evacuation using boats and helicopters, said a military spokesman. Water levels were so high in large tracts of Kot Addu and the nearby area of Layyah in the south of the province, that only treetops and uppermost floors of some buildings were visible. Rising water levels at Warsak Dam, the country's third biggest, prompted disaster officials to ask residents in the northern outskirts of Peshawar city to leave their homes. Around 1,500 people have been killed in the flooding that began last week, said a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross. Source:

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2010/08/03/floodwaters-threaten-major-dam-pakistans-northwest-adding-misery/?test=latestnews>

**Police bust bombs-making lab, find 100 kilos of explosives.** Police have busted a laboratory making homemade explosive devices, over 100 kilograms of the mixture of ammonium saltpeter and aluminum powder and five kilograms of striking pieces in Kabardino-Balkaria in Russia. The search operation was held as part of the investigation into a terrorist act at the Baksan hydropower plant, the press service of the republican Interior Ministry told Itar-Tass August 3. "The explosives were being made in car box in the city of Baksan. The state number plate from a car belonging to a city

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resident, who was killed on June 2, and ten polymeric tanks prepared to make explosive devices, were also found there,” the press service reported. “Further operative, investigation and expert measures are being taken to find out whether the explosives from the laboratory were used in the bomb blasts at the hydropower plant and in committing several other heinous crimes in Kabardino-Balkaria,” the press service said. In a terrorist act at the Baksan hydropower plant July 21 armed criminals killed two policemen, who were on guard at the plant, and planted five explosive devices with the blast yield from 1.5 to 3 kilograms of TNT. The bomb blasts that triggered a fire damaged all three hydropower units, as well as two of five high-voltage power distribution devices. On July 25, Russian commandoes killed two local residents, who were involved in the terrorist act at the hydropower plant, the detectives noted. Two pistol-machine guns, a pistol, grenades and other ammunition were found in the suspects’ car. Source:

[http://www.hydroworld.com/index/display/news\\_display.1234176502.html](http://www.hydroworld.com/index/display/news_display.1234176502.html)

**Paris police: Tear gas in letter for U.S. embassy.** Two men who work for the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France underwent medical tests after handling a suspicious letter July 30, the embassy said, and Paris police said it appeared they had been exposed to tear gas fumes. Both men were cleared and released after being examined at the Paris hospital Hotel Dieu, an embassy spokesman said. The mailroom employees identified a suspicious letter and the embassy alerted French authorities, he told The Associated Press. The central laboratory of the Paris police identified the irritant as tear gas, according to a police official who was not authorized to speak to the media. However, the embassy spokesman said he could not immediately confirm that report. “Whatever the smell was, it was not deemed harmful. It’s not toxic ...,” said a State Department spokesman. “As a precaution, the two employees were sent to the hospital and have experienced no ill effects from whatever was detected in these letters.” An embassy employee received a manila envelope sent as registered mail that had no mail inside, but it began emitting fumes after the employee opened it, the French police official said. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5glW0qX5qCLvHaK8kutsdvgXoP-awD9H9HD0G0>

**Over 900 dead as floods sweep Asia.** Floods sweeping Asia have killed more than 900 people, officials said July 31, washing away thousands of homes and destroying infrastructure. Heavy monsoon rains exacted the heaviest toll in northwest Pakistan, with 800 confirmed dead and the regional capital Peshawar cut off, while the deluge killed another 65 people in mountainous areas across the border in Afghanistan. Floods devastating northeast China have killed at least 37 people and destroyed 25,000 homes, with authorities racing to intercept vessels that broke their moorings, and retrieve barrels full of explosive chemicals headed for a dam. The worst floods in living memory destroyed homes and swathes of farmland in northwest Pakistan and Pakistani Kashmir, with the main highway to China reportedly cut and the military deployed to help isolated communities. The United Nations said almost 1 million people had been affected by the Pakistan flooding. Elsewhere in Jilin, hundreds of soldiers and boats were mobilized to stop 12 vessels being swept down the Songhua River towards a major dam, Xinhua said. The vessels, weighing up to 12 tons each, broke their moorings July 30 and were heading towards the Fengman dam. Further downstream, hundreds of workers continued to retrieve 3,000 barrels full of explosive chemicals that were washed by floodwaters into the Songhua River. The barrels were being swept down the river and experts were worried the barrels could explode if they hit a dam further downstream. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g0PhnTb4o3duUzEmhpSNiZ8WZvWA>

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**Two Gulf states to ban some Blackberry functions.** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will block sending e-mails, accessing the Internet, and delivering Instant Messages to other Blackberry handsets. Saudi Arabia will prevent the use of Blackberry-to-Blackberry Instant Messaging service. Both nations are unhappy they are unable to monitor such communications via the handsets. This is because Blackberries automatically send encrypted data to computer servers outside the two countries. The UAE ban will start in October, while the Saudi move will begin later in August. A board member of state-controlled Saudi Telecom said the decision is intended to put pressure on Blackberry's Canadian owner, Research in Motion (RIM), to release data from users' communications "when needed". The UAE's telecoms regulator, TRA, said the lack of compliance with local laws raised "judicial, social and national security concerns." RIM said in a statement that it "does not disclose confidential regulatory discussions that take place with any government." Source:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-10830485>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**Nationwide banks experience surge as phishing targets.** Since February of this year, RSA's Anti-Fraud Command Center has seen a marked uptick in phishing attacks targeting the largest nationwide banks. From June 2009 through February 2010, larger financial institutions were targeted in the 19 to 30 percent range, depending on the month. The latest trend, however, shows that these large nationwide banks are receiving almost two-thirds of all phishing attempts in the finance sector, topping out at 68 percent in June. Infosecurity notes that the proportion of attacks targeting larger bank brands seems to come directly from the share once held by smaller regional banks. This may be a result of a recovering economy and banking sector, as scammers shift their focus from smaller banks that were thought to be on more sound footing during the recent financial crisis. The report also revealed a 16 percent drop in total phishing attacks in June compared with the previous month. RSA believes one of the contributors was the dearth of activity from the Rock Phish gang (aka, Avalanche), which the company said has nearly halted its phishing activity in favor of launching malware attacks. Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/11457/nationwide-banks-experience-surge-as-phishing-targets/>

**GPS: The future of authentication.** A new report published by Gartner Research places emphasis on another use for mobile technology in the financial transaction chain — as a security layer for user authentication via global positioning. If a card transaction is initiated at an ATM in Phoenix, but the GPS tracking says the cardholder's phone is in Atlanta, the bank could flag the transaction as suspect. Gartner's report, "Get Smart With Context-Aware Mobile Fraud Detection," released July 29, estimates 1.8 billion smartphones will be used across the world by the end of 2011. And Gartner predicts that by the end of 2013, location or profile information from mobile devices will be used to validate and detect fraud on 90 percent of mobile transactions. Most smartphones, such as the iPhone, have built-in, global-positioning-system tracking. The feature provides security for the phone, in case it gets left at the grocery checkout or someone lifts it when the owner is not looking. "This is about stronger authentication, and the only device you can count on for this kind of tracking is the cell phone," said a Gartner analyst and lead author of the report. Since most people always have their phones with them, GPS tracking of the mobile device offers a relatively reliable way to track a person's location. As a way to authenticate a financial transaction, here is how it would work: When a user conducts a card transaction at an ATM or POS terminal, the location of the ATM or POS device



would be compared with the location of the user's mobile phone via GPS. So if a card transaction is initiated at an ATM in Phoenix, but the GPS tracking said the cardholder's phone is currently in Atlanta, the bank could flag the transaction as suspect. Source:

<http://blogs.bankinfosecurity.com/posts.php?postID=645>

**(Ohio) Police: Man threatens to blow up bank.** Columbus, Ohio police are searching for a man who robbed a Grandview Heights-area bank by threatening to blow up the building, according to reports. According to a press release from a FBI special agent, the suspect was wearing a light-colored fishing hat and dark sunglasses when he entered the Cooper State Bank at 1669 W. Fifth Ave. at 1:35 p.m. July 29. He was carrying a red bookbag on his back and handed a teller a note indicating he had planted bombs outside the bank and would detonate the bombs if the teller didn't give him money, police said. The special agent said the teller complied and gave the robber money from a drawer. The robber took the money, placed it into his bag and fled the bank. The area was checked by officers but no bombs were located, police said. Source:

[http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/08/02/multiple\\_papers/news/alltvrobbe\\_20100802\\_0927am\\_2.txt](http://www.snponline.com/articles/2010/08/02/multiple_papers/news/alltvrobbe_20100802_0927am_2.txt)

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**(Louisiana) Bomb threat arrest in works.** Investigators searched August 5 for a man accused of making telephoned bomb threats to three chemical plants late August 4. By the afternoon of August 5, detectives were preparing an arrest warrant in the case, a spokesman of Iberville Sheriff's Office said. Detectives said the caller contacted the Georgia Gulf main office at 11:41 p.m. and 11:42 p.m., saying there was a bomb somewhere on the premises. A team of plant workers assisted by sheriff's deputies combed the facility shortly after the threats arrived but did not find anything out of the ordinary, he said. Investigators were put on alert again early August 5 after a contract supervisor with Shintech reported a threatening call arrived on his cellular phone at 11:40 p.m. August 4. The supervisor's phone remained in his truck overnight, so he didn't get the message until early August 5. The recorded message left on the contract supervisor's cell phone stated, "There's bomb in the plant and it's about to go off." A search of Shintech property early August 5 failed to turn up any evidence of a bomb. Source: <http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/100091239.html>

**Device could detect nukes.** A 25-foot-tall radiation scanner designed at Savannah River National Laboratory in Aiken, South Carolina is being tested this month for possible anti-terrorism deployment at major U.S. shipping ports. The system being tested has scanners on each side and underneath cargo as it is transferred to train cars or trucks. "What we're designing is an entire detection system, although parts of it have been out here for a while," said a lab spokesman. "If it works out, it would be installed for further testing at some seaports." One of many ways terrorists might sneak radioactive materials into the U.S. is among millions of tons of cargo that enter ports aboard container ships. Typical container operations use large machines called straddle carriers to move cargo from docks to railroad cars or trucks. The new device is designed to allow straddle carriers to drive between the scanner walls. The technology includes an alarm if radiation is detected, and it can also identify individual isotopes responsible for any excess radiation. The spokesman said the project was assigned to the lab at Savannah River Site by the U.S. Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, a

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component of DHS. Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2010-08-04/device-could-detect-nukes>

**Areva says reactor design changes will be filed to NRC in March.** Areva has said it will submit changes to its US-EPR reactor design with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by mid-March, 2011 to resolve some of the regulator's concerns about safety requirements. The company described its plan in a letter sent July 28 and posted on the NRC Web site August 2. The new schedule "should not hold up design certification" by NRC, an Areva spokeswoman said August 3. The NRC said in a statement last month that Areva has yet to demonstrate how some elements of the US-EPR's computerized instruments and controls meet safety requirements. The revision to the design, and NRC's statement, are "normal and expected" parts of the design-review process, the Areva spokesman said July 23. In the letter to the NRC, Areva said it will simplify the design of the digital instrumentation and controls of the US-EPR, create a back-up system separate from the plant's data network, and limit communication from non-safety to safety-related systems. The company has said some independent safety components will still share information, an area in which NRC has expressed concern. Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews.aspx?xmlpath=RSSFeed/HeadlineNews/Nuclear/6252295.xml>

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(Illinois) Grenade found dangling on pole in Lincoln Park.** What appeared to be a grenade found dangling on a pole in front of a recycling plant in Lincoln Park was safely detonated the morning of August 3. The grenade appeared to be intentionally placed there. Fire crews received a call to assist police for the suspicious package and issued a "precautionary" Level 1 HazMat response, a Fire Media Affairs spokesman said. Foot and vehicle traffic was blocked to the area as police Bomb and Arson Unit officers investigated. General Iron Industries Inc. is listed at the address, according to a web directory, and officials declined to comment. The business is a scrap iron and metal recycling plant. Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/24-7/2560488,lincoln-park-grenade-found-080310.article>

**(West Virginia) Bomb threat at Tyler County fairgrounds.** A bomb threat was called in at the Tyler County Fairgrounds in Middlebourne, West Virginia, 6:18 p.m. August 3. The sheriffs department received a call from the county fair board advising them that a male called the fair office and said that a bomb would explode on the grounds in 20 minutes. The fairgrounds were evacuated by the Tyler County Sheriff's Department, Middlebourne Fire Department, Middlebourne EMS, Sistersville EMS and Shirley Fire Department. The West Virginia State Police as well as the fair board members also assisted in the evacuation. All areas were checked and cleared within approximately 1 hour, before the fairgrounds reopened. Source: <http://www.statejournal.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=83870>

**(Washington) Possible pipe bomb found outside Spokane Valley bar.** On August 2, Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies said a janitor found a six-inch cylinder device wrapped in duct tape around Trent and Evergreen outside the Rock Bar and Lounge in Spokane Valley, Washington. The bomb squad's robot was used to detonate it. No one was hurt, and roads soon reopened thereafter. Source:

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<http://www.nwcn.com/news/washington/Possible-pipe-bomb-found-outside-Spokane-Valley-bar-99815689.html>

**(Michigan) Brothers accused of throwing pipe bomb at Freedom Township bar on Sept. 11.** Two brothers were arrested August 2 and accused of detonating a pipe bomb outside a Freedom Township, Michigan, bar September 11, 2009 after another man set fire to a hallway in the basement to distract customers, Michigan State Police said. No one was injured in the fire and explosion at the Pleasant Lake Inn, but it blew a hole in a deck and shattered at least one window, showering a man with broken glass, troopers said. A 19-year-old of Manchester and 20-year-old of Saline were charged with two counts each of arson of a dwelling, arson of real property and placing an explosive near property causing damage, Washtenaw County court records showed. Up to four more arrests are possible, records indicated. Source: <http://www.annarbor.com/news/brothers-charged-in-pipe-bombing-and-arson-at-freedom-township-inn/>

**(Connecticut) Official: 9 killed in Conn. warehouse shooting.** A warehouse driver who was asked to resign his job at beer distributor Hartford Distributors in Manchester, Connecticut went on a shooting rampage August 3 that left nine people dead, including himself, and others wounded, company and government officials said. The number of dead was confirmed by a Connecticut government official who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity. The driver had worked at the distributor for a couple of years and been called in for a disciplinary hearing. When police found him, he had been shot. About 50 to 70 people were in the warehouse during a shift change when the gunman opened fire around 7 a.m. Adding to the chaos was a fire at the warehouse, about 10 miles east of Hartford, that was put out. Police did not know whether the fire was related to the shootings. Two victims were taken to Hartford Hospital. One was in critical condition, and one was in fair condition. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jBNP73m9cp2g6qFtWxCbJH6IAD3gD9HC5IO00>

**(Iowa) Police seek source of pipe bomb.** Mason City, Iowa police are trying to figure out who left a pipe bomb in the city's Big Blue park area. On August 1, an officer on patrol was flagged down by someone at the park shortly after 4 p.m. The man told the officer he had found what appeared to be a suspicious item. He turned it over to police who called the state fire marshal's office. Workers safely removed the explosive from the park and destroyed it. Police refused to offer any description of what was found, but confirmed it was "definitely a pipe bomb." They called in off duty officers who searched other city parks to ensure there weren't any more of the bombs. Police are cautioning people to never touch or handle anything they find that appears suspicious in nature and to call them immediately. Anyone who might have information about who is responsible should call the Mason City Police Department at (641) 421-3636. Source: <http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/story/Police-Seek-Source-of-Pipe-Bomb/A69nYEcackOFSq2xBJ71Rg.csp>

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(Pennsylvania) Burglars cut phone cables during Hegins break-in, interrupt phone service for 2,000.** Burglars at Midway Supermarket in Hegins, Pennsylvania, cut telephone lines early August 2, leaving

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about 2,000 customers without service. Full service is not expected to be returned until sometime August 4, a spokesman from Frontier Communications said. A state police trooper of the Schuylkill Haven station said the burglary occurred just after 2 a.m. Two men, believed to be in their early 20s, used a crowbar to force their way into the supermarket through a restaurant door on the north side of the building. Once inside, the men entered the pharmacy section of the store, again using the crowbar, and stole narcotics. The two men tried to leave the building through a rear door where they were met by an employee. After seeing the worker, the men fled the building through the same door they entered. In the process of entering the building, the men apparently cut telephone lines in an attempt to disengage the alarm system. Frontier Communications had technicians on scene August 2 and expected to have some customers' service returned within 24 hours. The remaining customers were expected to have service restored by August 4. Source:

<http://republicanherald.com/news/burglars-cut-phone-cables-during-hegins-break-in-interrupt-phone-service-for-2-000-1.916729>

**Solar storm could hit GPS and satellite broadband.** Experts at the SANS Institute are warning of potential failures in GPS and satellite broadband amid fallout from a huge solar storm. The storm blew up after a spectacular solar eruption August 1, and the impact is expected to reach Earth August 4, with effects showing themselves in diminished satellite and radio signals as well as the possibility of the "Northern Lights" being visible in the U.K. These events are not uncommon, according to a spokesman on the SANS Institute's Internet Storm Center blog. "Long distance radio transmissions and satellite communications are usually affected first. Given our reliance on systems like GPS, an outage may have indirect ground-based effects. Sensitive electronics may be affected, and outdoor radiation levels may be higher than normal," he said. Last year the U.S.-based Committee on the Societal and Economic Impacts of Severe Space Weather Events reported that solar storms could lead to widespread damage in network reliant countries. "The adverse effects of extreme space weather on modern technology — power grid outages, high-frequency communication blackouts, spacecraft anomalies — are well known and well documented," the committee said in a report. Source:

<http://www.pcpro.co.uk/news/360040/solar-storm-could-hit-gps-and-satellite-broadband>

**(West Virginia) Arrests in West Virginia for vandalism to Frontier Communications' Network.** West Virginia State Police have arrested three individuals suspected of vandalizing Frontier Communications' network in Logan County, disrupting phone and Internet service and creating a public safety risk for customers. The three suspects are in custody and four more arrest warrants have been issued in connection with the vandalism. The suspects, who were arrested July 29, face multiple felony charges. There is a possibility of federal charges applying to the suspects, based on violations of laws pertaining to Homeland Security, interstate commerce and environmental protection. Frontier is also committing significant resources in Logan County and throughout West Virginia to identify and detain any individuals who vandalize company property and disrupt service to customers. Frontier is also putting recyclers and scrap dealers who deal in telecommunications materials on notice that they could also be subject to arrest and conviction for receiving stolen property, as well as aiding and abetting network vandalism. Source:

[http://www.marketwatch.com/story/arrests-in-west-virginia-for-vandalism-to-frontier-communications-network-2010-08-02?reflink=MW\\_news\\_stmp](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/arrests-in-west-virginia-for-vandalism-to-frontier-communications-network-2010-08-02?reflink=MW_news_stmp)

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## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

### **(Michigan) General Motors Flint truck assembly plant evacuated after suspicious package found.**

General Motors evacuated workers from its Flint Truck Assembly Plant August 3 after an employee found a suspicious package in the plant's mailroom. A GM spokesman said the package was discovered about 2:30 p.m., and first-shift workers were sent home after the discovery. Second-shift at the plant was expected to run as usual. The package was discovered as it was processed through an X-ray machine in the mailroom, which is located inside the administration building at the complex. "We followed all our protocols," the spokesman said. "We evacuated the administration building and ... sent everybody home." Flint police are investigating, he said. Source:

[http://www.mlive.com/auto/index.ssf/2010/08/general\\_motors\\_flint\\_truck\\_ass\\_2.html](http://www.mlive.com/auto/index.ssf/2010/08/general_motors_flint_truck_ass_2.html)

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**Critical flaws discovered in widely used embedded OS.** Two critical vulnerabilities have been discovered in mission-critical systems used in 500 million devices, including VoIP phones, telecom equipment, military routing devices, automobile controls and spacecraft. Last week at the Security B-Sides and DEFCON conferences in Las Vegas, the chief security officer at Rapid7 and founder and chief architect of Metasploit, disclosed two critical vulnerabilities in VxWorks, which is used to power Apple Airport Extreme access points, Mars rovers and C-130 Hercules aircraft, in addition to microwaves, switches, sensors, telecom equipment and industrial control monitors. VxWorks has a service enabled by default that provides read or write access to a device's memory and allows functions to be called, the chief security officer told SCMagazineUS.com August 3. The vulnerable service, called WDB agent, is a "debugger" for the VxWorks operating system that is used to diagnose problems and ensure code is working properly when a product is being developed. Meanwhile, a separate vulnerability involving the hashing algorithm that is used in the standard authentication API for VxWorks could allow an attacker to brute force a password. The hashing algorithm is susceptible to collisions, meaning an attacker would be able to brute force a password in a relatively short period of time by guessing a string that produces the same hash as a legitimate password, according to a separate advisory posted by US-CERT. Source: <http://www.scmagazineus.com/critical-flaws-discovered-in-widely-used-embedded-os/article/176297/>

**Attack sub Missouri commissioned in Connecticut.** The USS Missouri, the seventh Virginia-class sub, entered the fleet July 21 after a commissioning ceremony at the Naval Submarine Base New London in Connecticut. The 377-foot, 7,800-ton Missouri was built in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Virginia as a part of a partnership between General Dynamics and Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News. The boat is the fifth Navy vessel to be named Missouri. The last was the battleship on which Japan gave its unconditional surrender on September 2, 1945 to end World War II. Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ghUGMmy\\_6Be6GNins7j1-YEwISrAD9HA85D80](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ghUGMmy_6Be6GNins7j1-YEwISrAD9HA85D80)

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

(District of Columbia) **Suspicious package cleared at MPD headquarters.** D.C. police report a suspicious package at the Metropolitan Police Department headquarters, located in 300 block of Indiana Ave, NW, has been cleared. The building has been evacuated as a precaution. While investigating the object, police closed the Judiciary Square 4th Street entrance, but the F Street entrance remained open. Indiana Avenue was shut down in both directions. Source:

<http://www.wjla.com/news/stories/0810/760779.html>

**Police training to focus on spotting extremism.** DHS has begun work on a training curriculum for front line, law enforcement officers to sharpen their capabilities to patrol communities and detect violent extremism. To develop this training curriculum, DHS is working with federal partners — like the Justice Department and the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School — and state and local law enforcement organizations — such as the Major City Chiefs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and others — to produce courses to assist police officers in spotting signs of extremism in their communities. DHS will roll out the finalized curriculum to its Federal Law Enforcement Training Center as well as regional police training centers in addition to offering an online version. Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/14218/128/>

## **ENERGY**

**DHS quietly dispatching teams to test power plant cybersecurity.** DHS is quietly creating specialized teams of experts to test industrial control systems at U.S power plants for cybersecurity weaknesses. An August 4 Associate Press report indicated DHS has so far created four teams to conduct such assessments, according to the director of control system security. The official told the news service that 10 teams are expected to be in the field next year as the program's annual budget grows from \$10 million to \$15 million. A DHS spokeswoman confirmed the DHS plan. She said the special teams are part of an Industrial Control Systems Computer Emergency Response Team (ICS CERT) that DHS has been building over the past year in response to worldwide cybersecurity threats against industry control systems (ICS). The teams are being set up to help companies in critical infrastructure industries respond to and mitigate cyber incidents affecting ICS, she said. Each DHS team is said to be equipped with forensic tools, cables, converters and data-storage equipment to be used to probe for and fix security vulnerabilities in control systems. According to the report, the specialized DHS teams conducted 50 security assessments at power plants in the past year. In addition, teams were dispatched 13 times to investigate cyber incidents — nine were found to be cyber intrusions and four were caused by operator error. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9180152/DHS quietly dispatching teams to test power plant cybersecurity?taxonomyId=82](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9180152/DHS_quietly_dispatching_teams_to_test_power_plant_cybersecurity?taxonomyId=82)

**DOE: Common security holes leave energy grid vulnerable.** The United States is leaving its energy infrastructure open to cyberattacks by not performing basic security measures, such as regular patching and secure coding practices, according to a report prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE). Researchers at the Idaho National Laboratory tested 24 industrial control systems (ICSs)



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between 2003 and 2009 and compile a report in May that was publicly released in July. The secrecy expert at the Federation of American Scientists blogged about the report August 2. A rating of security vulnerabilities in ICSs used to run the energy grid in the United States, the report comes on the heels of a discovery of malware written specifically for systems used for controlling industrial manufacturing and utility systems. That worm, written for a Siemens Windows application, was a wake-up call to the security community focused on ICSs because it marked a shift from theory to reality, according to experts. Although the national lab researchers tested actual control systems used in running the energy infrastructure, such as the electricity grid, they did not disclose the names of any companies. By publishing the results, the DOE hopes energy companies can better assess and secure their computer systems. Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128\\_3-20012459-54.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-20012459-54.html)

**(California) Tampering with gas line caused blast, officials say.** An explosion July 30 caused by tampering with a gas line at a South Los Angeles industrial building killed one employee and critically injured another who was propelled across the street by the blast, officials said. Rescue workers searched for a third man believed buried beneath the charred rubble of the building, which is operated by JL Spray Powder Coating. A spokesman for the Southern California Gas Company said someone had “used a pipe around the meter and the regulator” to stop the regulation of gas pressure indoors. “That resulted in this explosion,” he said. Utility workers had disconnected the building’s gas supply the week of July 26 because of overdue bills. The blast occurred about 6:15 a.m. Pieces of the building’s facade and wood were tangled in power lines and suspended over the street. Firefighters extinguished the flames in 25 minutes and began looking for survivors until a search-and-rescue team arrived. Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/31/us/31explosion.html?\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/31/us/31explosion.html?_r=2)

**(Illinois) FBI joins probe into southern Illinois power system vandalism.** The FBI has joined the investigation to identify the vandals who in early July cut down power poles and attacked a power substation in Marion, Illinois that is owned by Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. “We are pleased to announce that the FBI ... is committed to bringing the responsible parties to justice,” said Southern’s president and general manager. “Southern Illinois Power Co-op went to extraordinary lengths by hiring our own private investigation agency - Tactical Investigations, LLC - to learn what happened to our equipment,” he said. “The FBI will be conducting a separate investigation. We are optimistic that justice will be served and we look forward to the arrest of the persons responsible.” Source: <http://www.carmitimes.com/topstories/x272787784/FBI-joins-probe-into-southern-Illinois-power-system-vandalism>

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**Report calls for overhaul of US food safety system.** A 500-page report by a committee of the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council recommends that the United States government overhaul its food safety system to zero in on the riskiest foods and target limited resources where they can do the most good. The report recommends, among other things, that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shift “from a reactive approach to a risk-based approach” to food safety, set up a central data analysis operation to more efficiently pinpoint problems and better coordinate inspection efforts with state and local governments. The study, “Enhancing Food Safety: The Role of the Food and Drug Administration,” suggests the FDA is failing to keep up with new challenges and lacks the vision to ensure food safety. While more than 15 US agencies have some role in food safety, the FDA oversees about 80% of the country’s food supply, including all produce,

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seafood and cheeses. The importance of bolstering food safety efforts is evident in the latest statistics on foodborne illnesses — approximately 76 million people in the US are affected each year, causing more than 300 000 hospitalizations and 5000 deaths, according to the report. Source: [http://www.cmai.ca/earlyreleases/4aug10\\_foodriskE.dtl](http://www.cmai.ca/earlyreleases/4aug10_foodriskE.dtl)

**California firm recalls frozen ground beef products due to possible E. coli contamination.** Valley Meat Company, a Modesto, California establishment, is recalling approximately one million pounds of frozen ground beef patties and bulk ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced August 6. FSIS became aware of the problem on July 15 when the agency was notified by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) of a small E. coli O157:H7 cluster of illnesses with a rare strain as determined by PFGE subtyping. A total of six patients with illness onset dates between April 8 and June 18, 2010 were reported at that time. After further review, CDPH added another patient from February to the case count, bringing the count to seven. The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 8268" inside the USDA mark of inspection as well as a production code of 27509 through 01210. These products were produced between the dates of October 2, 2009 through January 12, 2010 and were distributed to retail outlets and institutional foodservice providers in California, Texas, Oregon, Arizona, and internationally. Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall 048 2010 Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News%20&%20Events/Recall%20048%202010%20Release/index.asp)

**(Maryland; New Jersey; New York) New Jersey firm recalls canned meatball products due to undeclared allergen.** Ugo. DiLullo & Sons, a Westville, New Jersey, establishment, is recalling approximately 147,667 pounds of canned meatball products because they contain an allergen, egg, which is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced August 3. the products subject to recall include 6-lb., 10-oz. cans of "U. Dilullo's Deluxe Meatballs in Sauce." Each package bears the establishment number "Est. 1153" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The canned meatball products were produced on various dates between May 1, 2009, and August 2, 2010, and were distributed to institutions, including food banks, in Maryland, New Jersey and New York. The problem was discovered by FSIS during a routine inspection. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an allergic reaction should contact a physician. Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall 047 2010 Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News%20&%20Events/Recall%20047%202010%20Release/index.asp)

**(Kansas; Missouri) EPA orders St. Joseph company to stop distributing tainted pesticide.** A St. Joseph, Missouri company has been ordered to stop selling and distributing a tainted pesticide that caused problems for Kansas soybean farmers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ordered HPI Products, Inc., to immediately halt the sale or distribution of its supplies of Warthog 2 EC, following reports that a tainted batch of the herbicide distributed by the company damaged 8,000 acres of soybeans near Beattie, Kansas. No similar problems have been reported in Missouri, according to the EPA's Region 7 office in Kansas City, Kansas. Similar orders also have been issued to the pesticide's registrant, J. Oliver Products, LLC, of Hernando, Mississippi; and to Pony Express Warehouse, in St. Joseph, which received distribution of the product from HPI Products. During the week of July 12, the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) responded to multiple complaints from farmers near Beattie. The farmers indicated their soybean crops sustained damage from the recent use of Warthog 2 EC that was purchased from Frontier Chemical, Inc., a dealership in Beattie. KDA then conducted an inspection of Frontier Chemical to collect records and product samples. On July

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20, the Missouri Department of Agriculture inspected HPI Products, to collect sales records and samples of Warthog 2 EC, and investigation showed that samples of Warthog 2 EC taken from stocks at HPI Products appeared to be tainted with another herbicide, Dicamba. Warthog 2 EC is commonly used to control annual and perennial grasses among a wide range of field crops, including soybeans, according to the National Pesticide Information Center. Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20100730/BREAKING01/100730023/1007/NEWS01/EPA+orders+St.+Joseph+company+to+stop+distributing+tainted+pesticide>

**Gulf dead zone has doubled, experts say.** Although no evidence links it to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, this year's "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico has doubled since last year, and researchers said it might be even larger than mapped. The dead zone, which stretches from the mouth of the Mississippi River into Texas, is created by low levels of oxygen in water, known as hypoxia. According to the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium's Web site, the Gulf's dead zone is the largest dead or "hypoxic" zone currently affecting the United States, and the second largest worldwide. The low-oxygen area is linked to high concentrations of nutrients found in agricultural fertilizers such as nitrogen and phosphorous as well as other nutrients carried into the Gulf by the Mississippi River. Scientists with the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium announced August 2 that this year's dead zone stretches 7,722 square miles across Louisiana's coast into Texas waters — an area the size of Massachusetts. That finding matches predictions made earlier this year by a Louisiana State University biologist, who predicted a range of over-oxygenated water averaging 7,776 square miles based on measurements of nutrients carried by the Mississippi River this spring. The dead zone is in the Mississippi River Delta along Louisiana's vast coastline. This area of the country hosts some of world's most diverse ecosystems, and provides 16 percent of U.S. fisheries, and habitat for 70 percent of migratory birds in all of North America. Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2010/08/03/29283.htm>

### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Maryland) Courthouse evacuated after chemical release.** The Howard County District Court building in Ellicott City, Maryland has been evacuated after the release of a hazardous chemical that caused four people to suffer respiratory symptoms. Howard County fire officials say contract workers were performing maintenance on the heating and air conditioning system when they spilled some chlorine powder August 5. Fire officials say they believe the release was accidental. Five police officers who were in court for cases grabbed gas masks and started evacuating the building. Firefighters and other emergency workers responded, and about 200 people were moved to safety. Three people were taken to a hospital with respiratory distress, and a fourth patient was treated at the scene. Fire officials say the courthouse should be able to reopen August 6. Source: <http://wiz.com/wireapnewsmd/Howard.County.District.2.1845165.html>

**Security by committee reduces facility protection.** The embattled Federal Protective Service (FPS) should take steps to standardize building security measures at federal facilities by working with the tenants of those buildings to define structures, operations, and accountability for their security committees, congressional investigators said August 5. FPS has been under attack in Congress in recent years for its reliance on a 15,000-strong contractor guard workforce to protect roughly 9,000 federal civilian buildings from criminal or terrorist attacks. Congress and the Department of

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Homeland Security (DHS) has been weighing options to federalize those contractors in whole or in part to compensate for vast variances in their qualifications, training, and procedures. But FPS faces difficulties in collaboration with the General Services Administration (GSA), which owns and manages federal facilities, and federal agencies that occupy the buildings, noted the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in a report, *Homeland Security: Addressing Weaknesses with Facility Security Committees (FSCs) Would Enhance Protection of Federal Facilities*. Each federal building has its own FSC, which is composed of FPS, GSA, and the building tenant agencies. Each committee sets security policy and funding for its building. This approach results in several weaknesses in building security at federal facilities, GAO concluded. Source:

<http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/14248/128/>

**Chicagoan Shaker Masri charged in alleged terrorism plot.** A 26-year-old Chicago man who allegedly planned to travel to Somalia and engage in jihadist fighting with a terrorist group was arrested August 3 just hours before he was scheduled to leave Chicago. He was arrested in Countryside by members of the Chicago FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force following an 18-month investigation, according to a release from the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office said. He was charged in a criminal complaint filed August 3 in U.S. District Court in Chicago with one count each of attempting to provide material support to a designated terrorist organization, and attempting to provide material support through the use of a weapon of mass destruction. The suspect told a source that he had hoped to become a martyr by wearing a suicide vest. On August 1, he was walking with the source when they saw a group of four soldiers in military dress uniform, according to the complaint. He told the source he wished he could walk up to the four and blow himself up. When the source asked the suspect why he wanted to blow himself up to kill only four targets, the suspect agreed, saying it would be better, for example, if there were a bus full of soldiers he could blow up, the complaint states. Source:

<http://www.myfoxchicago.com/dpp/news/metro/shaker-masri-terrorism-fbi-plot-suicide-bombing-20100804>

**(Arizona) Parents notified about bomb threat at Buena.** Buena High School in Sierra, Vista, Arizona has received a bomb threat that warned staff about an incident that would take place August 3, on the first day of school. Parents of Buena students were notified about the threat from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. August 2. The school will not be closed August 3 and the district was working with the Sierra Vista Police Department and the Fort Huachuca Bomb Squad to ensure students are safe, the superintendent said. In his experience, these types of threats have always turned out to just be threats, but that does not mean staff is not taking it seriously. The school will still take a variety of additional precautions and has informed all staff members at the school about the situation, the superintendent said. "Every threat is credible, and we take them all seriously." Source:

<http://www.svherald.com/content/news/2010/08/03/parents-notified-about-bomb-threat-buena>

**'Security review' for U.S. consulate.** The U.S. Consulate in Juarez, Mexico closed for two days for what officials described as a security review, authorities said. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of State said the consulate closed July 30 and August 2, would reopen August 3, the El Paso Times reported. "Basically, they're assessing hard and soft spots ... that might make it easy for someone to come with malicious intent to do harm to somebody inside the consulate," the spokeswoman said. Rumors the consulate was closed by officials after it received a bomb threat are unfounded, the spokeswoman said. "I have nothing that indicates there was a bomb threat," she said.

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Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2010/08/03/Security-review-for-US-consulate/UPI-68541280857621/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/08/03/Security-review-for-US-consulate/UPI-68541280857621/)

**(Hawaii) Submerged mustard bombs likely to stay in place.** Some 16,000 mustard blister agent rounds submerged in waters off Hawaii should be left in place as relocating them might pose a greater danger to the public and the environment, the U.S. Army said July 30. The Army assistant for munitions and chemical matters said in a news release tyhat the service was studying a new University of Hawaii report that concluded the chemical weapons were corroding, but did not pose a current public health risk. The study called for ongoing monitoring of the situation. The munitions each carried 73 pounds of the chemical warfare material. After World War II they were submerged in waters too deep to be readily accessed by individuals. The dumping ground locations are listed on nautical maps and fishing vessels know not to work in those waters. The U.S. military's Explosives Safety Board asserts that the best way to deal with generally nonthreatening submerged weapons is to avoid moving them and inform the public on what to do should a munition be encountered, the civilian Army official said. Should budgeting allow, the U.S. Army plans to widen the scope of area examined in the university study. Future monitoring of submerged munitions would also be studied, the civilian Army official said. Source:

[http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw\\_20100802\\_7026.php](http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20100802_7026.php)

**(Alabama) Dothan man charged in courthouse bomb threat.** A 24-year-old Dothan man has been arrested in connection with a phoned-in threat, which led to the evacuation of the Houston County Courthouse in Dothan, Alabama. The 24-year-old suspect is charged with making a terrorist threat. According to court records, a threat was made during a call to 9-1-1, which led authorities to evacuate the courthouse. The suspect was ordered to be held without bond. Court records also show deputies charged the suspect July 28 with burglarizing a woman's home on Wallace Buie Road in Dothan in May. Source:

<http://www.leagle.com/unsecure/news.do?feed=yellowbrix&storyid=148052168>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Top 5 undiscovered vulnerabilities found on enterprise networks.** A report by Lumeta highlights the five most prevalent undiscovered or unknown vulnerabilities commonly found on enterprise networks. 1.) Incorrect or incomplete deployments of IPS/IDS. 2.) Failure to discover and probe all segments of a network with vulnerability management tools. 3.) Overlooking non-traditional IP-enabled devices. 4.) Using default credentials on network devices. 5.) Unauthorized wireless access points. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9689>

**Adobe confirms remote code-execution flaw in Reader (again).** A security researcher has uncovered yet another vulnerability in Adobe Reader that allows hackers to execute malicious code on computers by tricking their users into opening booby-trapped files. A principal security analyst at Independent Security Evaluators disclosed the critical flaw at the Black Hat security conference in Las Vegas. It stems from an integer overflow in a part of the application that parses fonts, he said. That leads to a memory allocation that is too small, allowing attackers to run code of their choosing on the underlying machine. There are no reports of the flaw being targeted for malicious purposes. Details of his discovery come as hackers are exploiting a separate font-parsing bug in the PDF reader built by Apple to jailbreak the latest iPhone. While the hack is harmless, security firms including Symantec and

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McAfee have warned that the underlying flaw, when combined with a second one, could be used to execute malicious code on the Apple smartphone. Apple has yet to acknowledge the vulnerabilities.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/08/04/critical\\_adobe\\_reader\\_vuln/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/08/04/critical_adobe_reader_vuln/)

**Movie files run in QuickTime Player trigger malware download.** Specifically crafted .mov files trigger the download of malware masquerading as a codec update and an installation file for another player when run in the latest (7.6.6) version of QuickTime Player, TrendLabs reported. A researcher said that both files pretend containing the latest movie Salt, but that his suspicion was aroused by the unusually small size of the files — small when compared to regular movie files, that is. Upon running the movie files in QuickTime, the “movie” does not start and the download windows for the malware pop up, asking you to save/run the codec update or the installation file. Trend Micro is still investigating the matter and it’s not yet known if this attack is possible due to a vulnerability or feature of QuickTime. Apple has, of course, been notified of the occurrence. Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1416](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1416)

**Defense agencies should provide ways for industry to fix security issues.** The federal government has the right to refuse technology components that could introduce cybersecurity risks into the Defense Department’s classified systems, but it should provide manufacturers the opportunity to fix the vulnerabilities to ensure they don’t affect commercial and other federal networks, said a security expert. TechAmerica, a technology lobbying group in Washington D.C.; the Professional Services Council, a trade association; and other industry organizations called for Congress to drop Section 815(c) from the 2011 Senate Defense authorization bill, which would authorize Defense agency heads to exclude from procurements specific companies “to avoid unacceptable supply-chain risk.” The provision, which would apply only to the acquisition of classified national security systems, defines supply-chain risk as the potential for adversaries to gain access to and attack the system. The decision to exclude a company would be at the sole discretion of an agency head or a senior procurement executive, and would not be subject to review in a bid protest before the Government Accountability Office or in any federal court. But determining a company’s trustworthiness is difficult because so much technology development occurs overseas, which is harder to oversee and track, said the chairman and chief executive officer of security software company NetWitness, and former director of the Homeland Security Department’s National Cybersecurity Division. Defense agencies, however, should have the right to refuse a technology component that could pose a risk to classified systems, if they also provide industry with enough information to mitigate those risks, he said. Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20100802\\_9255.php?oref=topnews](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100802_9255.php?oref=topnews)

## **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(Idaho) Fire in Boise National Forest growing.** A fire sparked by lightning July 29 in the Boise National Forest in Idaho is growing, but crews plan to let it run its course. The “Bernard Lake Fire” has been burning at a low intensity, but has increased to about 400 acres. Fire crews are using an “active management strategy,” meaning they are watching to see if the fire gets worse. They say they believe the fire will eventually go out on its own. Source:

<http://www.fox12idaho.com/Global/story.asp?S=12928864>

**(Utah) Flash floods damage roads in southern Utah.** U.S. Forest Service (USFS) officials said heavy rains have left many mountain roads and trails rutted and washed out in southern Utah. Monsoonal

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rains over the past week caused flash floods that took a heavy toll in some areas of the Dixie National Forest, said a USFS spokesman. Crews are working to place warning signs but because so many areas are affected, visitors are urged to check in with a USFS office before heading off main roads. "Most years, the Dixie National Forest gets large rain events this time of year," he said. "These monsoonal rains create major flash flood dangers. Visitors to the forest and surrounding deserts should be 'flood aware' and check road/trail conditions as well as forecasted weather." According to a USFS statement, the Powell Ranger District east of Panguitch sustained the most damage, and several ATV trails are closed. On the Escalante District east of Bryce Canyon National Park, officials have closed the Corn Creek Road, and the Hell's Backbone Road is down to one lane. Flash flood warnings for south-central Utah remained in effect August 3, according to the National Weather Service. Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700053375/Flash-floods-damage-roads-in-southern-Utah.html>

**(Oregon) Precautionary evacuation called for 'Rooster Rock' fire area.** Due to the speed at which the "Rooster Rock" fire has grown, the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and search and research volunteers in Oregon have implemented a precautionary evacuation in the area that is roughly 2 miles south and 2 miles west of Plainview. Volunteers are going door to door, contacting those affected, and a Red Cross shelter has been set up at the Sisters Elementary School at 611 E. Cascade Street in Sisters, Oregon. As of 7:30 a.m. August 3, no evacuees had reported to the shelter. The Rooster Rock Fire started just before noon August 2, 6 miles south of Sisters on the Deschutes National Forest. Air support and many central Oregon hand crews are on the scene fighting the fire, which has already passed the 1,000-acre mark. Forest Road 16, also known as Three Creeks Road, is closed at this time. The cause of the Rooster Rock fire is under investigation. Source: <http://www.mycentraloregon.com/news/local/1301274/Precautionary-Evacuation-Called-For-Rooster-Rock-Fire-Area.html>

**(Wyoming; Montana; Idaho) Fire update for the Northern Rockies.** The fire report as of early August 2, according to the Northern Rockies Coordination Center, is "light" but with 20 new fires burning 135 acres. In Wyoming, the majority of fire activity is concentrated in the northwestern corner near the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. The 520-acre Beach Fire blaze continues to smolder with downed trees and heavy fuel in Yellowstone. To date, it has not resulted in any road, trail or facility closures, with the majority of acreage burned in the remote backcountry southwest of the Bridge Bay Campground. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. The larger Bull Fire in Gros Ventre Wilderness to the east of Hoback Junction also continues to burn. The management team is concerned with public and fire personnel. Areas surrounding Rough Hollow, Bull Creek, Cow Creek and Bear Creek are closed while parts of the fire are allowed to burn. About 100 personnel are monitoring the fire, including two hotshot crews and a Type 3 helicopter. In Montana, fire activity continues in the Bitterroot, Lolo, Helena, and Flathead National Forests. Two large fires in Idaho are burning in the Twin Falls District. Both are the result of lightning starts in late June. More information on fire activity in the Northern Rockies can be found on the Northern Rockies Coordination Center's Web site. Source: [http://www.newwest.net/topic/article/fire\\_update\\_for\\_the\\_northern\\_rookies/C559/L559/](http://www.newwest.net/topic/article/fire_update_for_the_northern_rookies/C559/L559/)

## **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

**(Texas) Postal inspectors investigate mailing of white powder to Dallas-area businesses, churches.** Postal inspectors and FBI agents are investigating six envelopes with white powder received August 5

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by Dallas, Texas-area religious institutions, businesses and Love Field. A U.S. postal inspector said it was too early to determine whether the incidents were connected. Early tests determined that the substances were not hazardous. However, the envelopes were being sent to a laboratory for follow-up testing, which will take several days. After that they will be sent to postal inspectors for further investigation. St. Joseph Catholic Church and First Baptist Church of Richardson and a mosque in Richardson received the envelopes. Businesses in Irving and Grand Prairie also got envelopes, as did Love Field in Dallas. Source:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/latestnews/stories/080510dnmetmailings.252b4d80.html>

**(District of Columbia) Suspicious envelope found at Israeli Embassy.** Authorities said they are investigating an envelope with a white powdery substance found at the Israeli Embassy in northwest Washington D.C. The Embassy spokesman said the FBI took the envelope August 4 for testing. There were no injuries. A D.C. fire and EMS department spokesman said the envelope was found in the embassy's mailroom. The fire spokesman said hazardous material teams are conducting tests. He said there are no illnesses or threats associated with the envelope, and the building was not evacuated. The embassy spokesman said the envelope was sent to the embassy, and not someone in particular. The spokesman said officials do not know who sent it, and it was not opened. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iQn7xLZrf5GG5UY6Wzpj-dH7Ka4wD9HCVTKG0>

**(Virginia) Homemade chemical bombs found in Fairfax County mailboxes.** Authorities are warning Fairfax County, Virginia residents to beware of homemade chemical bombs placed in mailboxes and on front yards of residential areas. At least eight of the bombs have been found in residential areas of Reston and West Springfield since May, according to the Fairfax County Fire Department. No one has been injured by the bombs, which are made of over-the-counter chemicals, such as Drano and baking soda. Residents have discovered flaming water bottles upon opening their mailboxes. In June, one resident began removing what appeared to be trash from her mailbox in Great Falls. Smoke started barreling out of a plastic water bottle as soon as she touched it. "The bottle had already exploded, but some of the chemicals burned my finger," the resident said. "My middle finger turned black and swelled to twice its size." Officials from the fire department arrived soon after, asking the resident who might have done it. "There's no one who has a vendetta against us," said the resident, a middle school teacher. "It's probably kids who have money and wheels and thought this would be a funny joke." Some bombs have contained shredded aluminum. "People think that it's trash, but if they pick it up, the bomb could blow their hand off way too easily," said the head of a community organization called myNeighborsNetwork. The community activist, along with many other residents, suspects local teenagers are responsible. Hundreds of videos on YouTube explain how to produce similar bombs, she said. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/31/AR2010073101778.html?hpid=sec-metro>

**6 cities to train mail carriers to dispense anti-terror drugs.** The United States Postal Service is ready to deliver lifesaving drugs to about a quarter of the residents of Minneapolis-St. Paul, the only metropolitan area in the nation where letter carriers have been trained to dispense medication after a large-scale terrorist attack involving biological weapons. Six years after the government began exploring the idea of using postal workers as rapid-response medicine dispensers and eight months after the U.S. President ordered government agencies to develop a plan to do so, efforts are

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underway in six cities to train workers to deliver the drugs needed to counter anthrax or other potentially deadly agents, the White House said. The White House would not name the six cities, and a Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman said she can't talk about whether more cities are interested in the voluntary program. Cities are not required to adopt the plan, and most have separate plans in place to set up distribution centers in schools, community health centers and other government buildings where people can go to pick up drugs in the event of an attack. The White House, however, said using the Postal Service is a cost-effective and efficient way to create a reliable system for drug distribution in a crisis because postal workers can get drugs to the elderly and others who can't get out easily or are unable to wait in long lines. Source:

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2010-08-02-postal02\\_ST\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2010-08-02-postal02_ST_N.htm)

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**U.S. dietary supplements often contaminated: report.** Many popular dietary supplements contain ingredients that may cause cancer, heart problems, liver or kidney damage, but U.S. stores sell them anyway and Americans spend millions on them, according to Consumer Reports. The consumer magazine published a report August 3 highlighting the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's lack of power to regulate such supplements, and said the agency rarely uses what little power it does have. The report from the influential group urged Congress to speed up small moves toward giving the agency more clout, especially in regulating supplements. Despite the "natural" labels carried by many of the supplements, many are contaminated. Yet Americans flock to take them, according to the magazine, citing the Nutrition Business Journal as saying the market was worth \$26.7 billion in 2009. "Of the more than 54,000 dietary supplement products in the Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database, only about a third have some level of safety and effectiveness that is supported by scientific evidence," the report reads. In addition, the FDA has not inspected any supplement factories in China, even though the agency set up field offices there starting in 2008, Consumer Reports said. The organization pointed to 12 supplement ingredients in particular that it said could be dangerous: aconite, bitter orange, chaparral, colloidal silver, coltsfoot, comfrey, country mallow, germanium, greater celandine, kava, lobelia, and yohimbe. Potential dangers include liver and kidney damage, heart rhythm disorders and unhealthy blood pressure levels, it said. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6721F520100803?type=domesticNews>

**Experts: Whooping cough outbreak largest in decades.** Health officials in five states are now reporting a spike in whooping cough cases. It is part of what federal health experts said is the largest outbreak of the disease in decades. California appears to be the hardest hit, but Midwestern states like Michigan and Ohio are also seeing more cases. In California, pregnant women and people who come in contact with infants are being urged to get immunized against the highly contagious disease. Whooping cough in adults can be treated with antibiotics, but it can be deadly among infants. So far this year, there have been seven infant deaths from whooping cough in California alone. Source:

<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/health&id=7592866>

**(Mississippi) 1 case of LaCrosse encephalitis found in Mississippi.** A case of the mosquito-borne illness LaCrosse encephalitis has been reported in Montgomery County, Mississippi. The Mississippi State Department of Health said the illness is similar to West Nile virus. People with LaCrosse encephalitis may have fever, headache, vomiting, lethargy and sometimes seizures. The department said August 2 this is the first case of the illness reported in Mississippi since 2008. The health

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department said one positive West Nile virus case has been reported in the state this year in Coahoma County. Positive West Nile virus mosquito samples have been reported in Madison and Hancock counties. Source: <http://picayuneitem.com/statenews/x1243785617/1-case-of-LaCrosse-encephalitis-found-in-Miss>

**Data breaches hit 113 health care organizations, report says.** A total of 113 health care facilities have been hit with data breaches in 2010, compared with only 39 banking/finance firms, according to a July 28 report by the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC). Hospitals are vulnerable to insider data breaches with the multitude of doctors, nurses, lab technicians, janitors and food-service personnel circulating throughout the facility, according to the executive director of the ITRC. In one incident reported by the ITRC, a former University of California, San Francisco Medical Center employee used fellow workers' Social Security numbers to fill out health surveys that won him hundreds of \$100 vouchers for an Amazon.com shopping spree. The former employee pleaded guilty to wire fraud in federal court. The organization obtained its information on the health care data breaches from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. To qualify as a breach, the data had to include financial account information, as well as driver's license and Social Security numbers. Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Health-Care-IT/Data-Breaches-Hit-113-Health-Care-Organizations-Report-Says-799761/>

**CDC updates yellow fever guidelines.** The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its recommendations for using yellow fever (YF) vaccine. CDC's report: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), published July 31, summarizes the current epidemiology of YF, describes immunogenicity and safety data for the YF vaccine, and provides recommendations for the use of YF vaccine among travelers and laboratory workers. The report urges that all persons over nine months old traveling to or living in areas of South America and Africa in which a risk exists for YFV transmission be vaccinated. The new guidelines replace 2002 YF vaccine recommendations. YF is a vector-borne disease resulting from the transmission of yellow fever virus (YFV) to a human from the bite of an infected mosquito. Because no treatment exists for YF disease, prevention is critical to lower disease risk and mortality, the report said, adding: "A traveler's risk for acquiring YFV is determined by multiple factors, including immunization status, location of travel, season, duration of exposure, occupational and recreational activities while traveling, and local rate of virus transmission at the time of travel." Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/14200/128/>

**NASCIO releases state-by-state report on health IT projects.** The National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) has issued its annual state-by-state report on health IT programs and leadership. Released July 29, the study is entitled: Profiles of Progress 4: State Health IT Initiative. Since the 2009 version of the report, there has been "a tremendous flurry of activity due to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology announcing the recipients of the State Health Information Exchange [HIE] Cooperative Agreement Program," according to NASCIO. It said stimulus funding also is beginning to flow to state and regional projects. The state CIO's role in health information exchange depends on how involved the state is in the design's exchange, according to NASCIO. "If public expectations are high for strong government presence it will most likely be a government-led electronic health information exchange. On the other hand, if a state chooses to be less involved in overseeing the HIE and determining the business model, it can let other actors, such

as a nonprofit entity created by stakeholders, operate the HIE.” Source:  
<http://www.govtech.com/gt/articles/767064>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**(California) Emergency landing at SFO after drunk passenger sets napkin on fire.** A reader on the blog SFist wrote about an incident on board an American Airlines flight August 1, which prompted an emergency landing at San Francisco’s SFO airport. American Airlines flight 72 was diverted when a passenger lit a napkin with a lighter during the flight, causing smoke in the cabin and commotion. Passengers alerted flight attendants, and the pilot ordered an emergency landing in San Francisco where the passenger was taken into custody by police. SFist confirmed the incident with airport authorities who verified that the incident happened and that the passenger in question, who was intoxicated, was arrested. Source:  
[http://sfist.com/2010/08/04/emergencey\\_landing\\_at\\_sfo\\_after\\_dru.php](http://sfist.com/2010/08/04/emergencey_landing_at_sfo_after_dru.php)

**(California) Bomb scare at local harbor.** Police responded to a bomb scare at the Santa Barbara Harbor in California August 3. Authorities said the threat was made by a man, who was on the “Landshark” tourist boat, which was at sea at the time. The boat was brought back to the harbor, where officers moved in, roped off the area, and checked for explosives. The all clear was given just before 4 p.m. Officers then arrested the 19-year-old who had been on-board the Landshark. Officers found drug paraphernalia inside the suspect’s car, which was parked at the harbor. He is facing charges of making a false bomb threat and being under the influence of an illegal substance. Source:  
<http://www.keyt.com/news/local/Bomb-Scare-At-Local-Harbor-99899724.html>

**Bomb found on U.S.-Mexico border bridge.** One of the four international bridges linking Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, Texas, was closed for nearly 2 hours August 3 after a bomb was found and detonated on the Mexican side of the border. The bomb was spotted just after 8 a.m. on the Lerdo Bridge, which was immediately closed to traffic. Several of the main avenues in Ciudad Juarez leading to the bridge were also closed, causing massive traffic jams in Mexico’s murder capital. Army troops, federal police officers, municipal police and transit police went to the bridge to secure the area and direct traffic. Mexican authorities, working with the U.S. Border Patrol, detonated the bomb. The flow of traffic across the border resumed 2 hours after the controlled detonation, but officials have not said what type of explosive was used. This was the latest in a series of bombings in northern Mexico. Assailants suspected of having links to an organized crime group threw a bomb July 31 at one of the bridges connecting Nuevo Laredo, a city in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas, with Laredo, Texas. Source: <http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=361760&CategoryId=14091>

**Bomb thrown at U.S.-Mexico border bridge.** Members of an organized crime group threw a bomb at one of the bridges connecting Nuevo Laredo, a city in the northeastern Mexican state of Tamaulipas, to the United States, but no injuries or damage have been reported, officials said. The attack occurred Saturday at the main border crossing linking the Mexican city to Laredo, Texas, the Nuevo Laredo city government said in a statement posted on an official Web site. “An explosion was reported in the area around International Bridge One. It is being investigated,” the city government said. The blast occurred on the access ramp to the international crossing, officials said. Tamaulipas and neighboring Nuevo Leon have been dealing with a wave of violence unleashed by drug traffickers battling for

control of smuggling routes into the United States. Source:

<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=361567&CategoryId=14091>

## **WATER AND DAMS**

**Small-Scale hydropower act introduced by US Congressman.** A Republican Congressman from Nebraska has introduced the Small-Scale Hydropower Enhancement Act (H.R. 5922), a bill designed to encourage and promote efforts to produce more hydropower from smaller sources. The bill — introduced during a Natural Resources Water and Power Subcommittee hearing on hydropower — would exempt any conduit-type hydropower project generating less than one and a half megawatt from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) jurisdiction. It would also require the Bureau of Reclamation to examine its facilities for more conduit-generation opportunities using existing funding. Source:

<http://www.waterpowermagazine.com/story.asp?sectioncode=130&storyCode=2057103>

**(Delaware) Delaware drinking water at risk: Prescription drugs on tap from major suppliers.** Newly released details from a Delaware drinking-water study show that prescription drugs and personal care chemicals have crept into water supplies used by every major water utility tested. The results, provided in response to a request from The News Journal, show smatterings of medicines ranging from analgesics and antibiotics to anti-convulsives and hormones in water used both by public and private companies, including all three of New Castle County's largest public utilities and major suppliers in Kent and Sussex counties. None of the medications detected at water intakes and treatment plants is regulated, and none is targeted or routinely removed by current treatment methods, detection ranged from caffeine and analgesics in United Water Delaware's big freshwater intake near Stanton to micro-bits of synthetic estrogen in a Seaford well. The division of public health released specific findings for each utility checked in response to a request by The News Journal, after issuing a summary earlier this year without naming individual suppliers. Agency officials conducted the scan of drinking water and farm supplies in late 2008 and early 2009. Source:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20100804/NEWS02/8040343/Drugs-on-tap-in-Delaware-s-water>

**(Iowa) Dangerous dams.** More than a few dozen Iowa dams have been deemed deficient. A few of them are near Charles City. The Elks Club Dam in Charles City and Willow Creek Dam in Mason City are on a list of dangerous dams. While not considered high risk, they could still cause some problems. The Elk Club dam is described as low hazard, which means if it fails it can cause property damage and even loss of life. The Charles City Planning and Zoning supervisor said, "The Elk's dam is an earthen dam. Meaning that it is constructed out of earth materials, where as the city's dams are concrete." She said earthen dams are more susceptible to erosion because there is no concrete to make them stronger. The treasurer of the Elks Lodge said there is nothing to worry about. "The dam is very small. It was basically built to control water flow going down stream, down the creek ending up in the Cedar River. We have never had a problem with it and it's been well maintained and watched. So I don't think it poses any risk at all," he said. The report shows the dam and spillway appear to be undersized for the size of the contributing drainage area, but he said there have never been problems at the site. And even in the worst case scenario he said it does not pose a danger to those living in Charles City. "Most of the residential areas around here are actually higher than the lake to begin with. If something did happen it could run down stream pretty direct to the Cedar River, but no damage."



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Source: <http://www.kimt.com/mostpopular/story/Dangerous-Dams/EmKRRATw1ECobRyQavhE6w.csp>

## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **Fusion Center (24/7):** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov) ; Fax: 701-328-8175  
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